



The 3rd Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program Invited researchers announced

The Hakuho Foundation (President Michitaka Kondo) has finalized its selection of this year's invitees to the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program, and announced the invitees on February 26th.

Today's Announcement

- After rigorous screening, a total of six researchers from Vietnam, the USA, China, Indonesia, Thailand and Turkey have been selected as this year's invitees. (Please refer to the attached sheet for details)
- Research work is to begin in October 2008, and continue until September 2009 at the National Institute for Japanese Language.

Background to the establishment of this program

- In 2006, the Hakuho Foundation commenced a new initiative, the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program, in which it works closely with the National Institute for Japanese Language to further deepen and advance the Japanese language, and Japanese and Japanese as the National Language instruction, with the aim of helping improve Japanese language education both at home and abroad.
- By offering leading international researchers with excellent research records in the fields of Japanese language and Japanese language instruction opportunities to visit Japan for further research, the program aims to play an active role in developing and furthering research into these fields in Japan.
- So far, ten of the world's leading researchers of the Japanese language have been invited to participate in the program, which is already producing excellent results. Please refer to the Foundation's Internet homepage for details.

<http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/program/index.html>

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About the Hakuho Foundation

The Hakuho Foundation was established in 1970 under the approval of the Ministry of Education (the current Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) to provide support for the fostering of rich human qualities in children, the leaders of the tomorrow. The total market value of the Foundation's assets was ¥59.29 billion as of the end of 2006. The Foundation's budget for 2007 is ¥323 million.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has been convinced that the key to children's education lies in language education. People absorb knowledge with language and think through language. The ability to understand language correctly and to express one's thoughts correctly through language forms the very foundation of learning. We therefore believe that as the backbone of education, language education should be held in high esteem across all subjects and not only in national language classes. Moreover, since aspects of each country's culture, such as climate, environment and traditions, form the backdrop for language, we believe that learning both the language and the cultural milieu from which it springs is essential to fostering rich human qualities in children.

Based on these ideas, the Hakuho Foundation has been supporting education activities for children, as well as research to further promote and deepen those activities, with particular emphasis on the language and the culture of Japan. In addition, the Foundation has initiated programs to offer cultural experiences to and promote international exchanges among the children of the world through the Japanese language.

Attachment:

List of the invitees to the 2008 Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program

Research Subject	Invitee	Country	Study duration
To Compile a textbook of chinese character in Japanese Language for Vietnamese Researcher in Japanese Studies	TRAN THI HOANG MAI VIETNAM INSTITUTE FOR NORTHEAST ASIANSTUDIES Center for Japanese Studies Director	VIET NAM	2008,10,1 ~2009,3,31
An Analysis of Japanese Academic Language for Elementary School Students	Yuko Goto BUTLER University of Pennsylvania Associate Professor	U.S(Japan)	2008.10.1 ~2009.7.31
On Teacher Development through Self-Study—An Analysis of Teaching Listening in College Japanese Courses in China	YIN SONG East China Normal University The School of Foreign Languages Associate Professor	CHINA	2008.10.1 ~2009.9.30
Comparisons between the Japanese and Indonesian Languages regarding the use of "Idioms" concerning parts of the body	AGUS SUHERMAN SURYADIMULYA Universitas Padjadjaran The Center for Japanese Language Studies Director	INDONESIA	2008.10.1 ~2009.9.30
An Investigation into the possibility of using ITC & E-learning to support Japanese language learning autonomy in Thailand	TASANEE METHAPISIT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY Faculty of Liberal Arts, Department of Japanese Associate Professor	THAI	2009.3.1 ~2009.9.30
The types of Polite Expression Forms in Japanese and Turkish	TEKMEN Ayse Nur ANKARA UNIVERSITY Faculty of Letters, Japanese Language and Literature Department, Chairperson, Associate Professor	TURKEY	2008.10.1 ~2009.9.30